

# WASHINGTON MAY PROHIBIT FOOD EXPORTS TO WAR ZONE

Great Britain Has Submitted To 'Allies' Washington Proposal To End Menace To Neutral Shipping Resulting From Blockade

TEXT OF PROPOSITION IS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Should Terms Be Withheld America Is Expected To Forbid Further Shipment of Products To Celligerent Nations In Europe

WASHINGTON, February 25.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) Great Britain has submitted to her allies, France and Russia, the proposal made by the ending the menace to neutral shipping resulting from the announcement from Berlin that extreme danger attends the entry into the British and French coast waters of steamships under any flag, inasmuch as the German design to sink without warning any British ship encountered may lead to the sinking unknowingly of the ships of neutrals.

WASHINGTON ENCOURAGED What the proposals of the United States are not intimated in the dispatches from England regarding them, nor have they been given out here, but it is said that the state department has received encouragement from the manner in which the proposals have been received by the British government.

Upon the attitude taken by Great Britain depends the next move to be made in the situation.

## MAY BAN FOOD STUFF

In some quarters it is suggested, although this cannot be confirmed, that the state department will recommend an embargo upon the export of food stuff, both for the Allies and for Germany and Austria, in the event of the absolute rejection of the American proposals.

It is said that this step will be the next, if no other alternative plan suggests itself for the protection of American ships in the scene of the naval warfare.

## COURSE FOR NEUTRALS

Yesterday, the German embassy, in announcing a safe course for neutral ships bound for Germany, says ships will not be permitted to go near the coast or enter or leave rivers except in clear daylight. Shipping along the north Shetlands, in the eastern North Sea, and for a thirty-mile strip along the Netherlands coast will not be imperiled.

# BUILDING SUBMARINES FOR BRITAIN DENIED

WASHINGTON, February 25.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) The Fore River Ship Building Company has recently made a statement to the state department in regard to the charge made by the German and Austrian embassies that the company is building submarines for immediate delivery to Great Britain. The statement to Secretary Bryan denies the charge categorically, the only submarines being built on British orders being those to be delivered at the termination of the war.

## TWO SAILORS DROWN WHEN BOAT CAPSIZES

SAN DIEGO, February 25.—A small boat from the torpedo boat Whipple was capsized here last night by the power of the waves. Two sailors were drowned.

## STEAMER IN DISTRESS

NEW YORK, February 24.—The steamer Florence is reported to be in distress 400 miles out. A wireless call for help was sent by the steamer. Rescue ships have been sent out.

# FRENCH STRIKE HEAVY BLOWS IN VOSGES

They Are Making Sustained Effort To Advance and Are Gaining Ground

## MUSCOVITES REPULSE AUSTRO-GERMAN MOVE

Berlin Admits Check of German Push Into Poland and Slav Offensive

WASHINGTON, February 25.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) Official reports from the Continent say that in the Vosges the French are making a sustained effort to advance and are gaining ground in many places.

Two reports from Petrograd are that the Russians are repelling every attempt of the Austro-Germans to advance from Zborov and have recaptured the important railroad center of Kholm, on the south bank of the Dniester.

## PLAY CAPTURES LARGE

Official dispatches say that in the various engagements in the advance of the Russians upon Hungary through the Carpathian passes they have captured 181 officers, 27,040 men, seven thousand horses, and 118 rapid guns, three planes, with the large number of killed and wounded, having seriously depleted the Austro-German strength in that district.

In the fighting in Northern Poland and along the East Prussian border, the engagements have been continuous, with some of the Polish villages along the German-Polish line being taken and retaken in turn several times.

## BERLIN ADMITS CHECK

Berlin admits that the German push into Poland has been checked and that in offensive has been resumed by the Russians. Two reinforcements of East Prussia have been required, say the German reports.

Three British aviators, who engaged a German plane in Germany are missing, according to the official press version.

## ROMANIA TO STRIKE

PARIS, February 24.—Roumania will enter the war in April, according to a Budapest dispatch printed in the Star. Le Journal's correspondent on the eastern front says the Germans lost 50,000 in the attack on the Russians at Rawa.

# SEATTLE SUBMARINES SOLD BEFORE THE WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

VICTORIA, British Columbia, February 25.—Premier Richard McBride made his promised statement before the British Columbia legislature last night in explanation of the purchase by British Columbia of two submarines from the yards of Rand Brothers of Seattle, the vessels having been ordered by a South American government and being ready for delivery when the war broke out.

The submarines, he said, had been secured on the order of the Dominion government, given prior to the British declaration of war.

He stated that anyone had charged or that anyone received any commission on the transaction, which represented a deal involving one and a half million dollars.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses were issued by Agent Palmer P. Woods yesterday as follows: Harry Jordan, American, twenty-four years old, and Miss Mary Medeiros, Portuguese, eighteen years of age; Giuseppe Del Tinto, Italian, twenty-eight, and Miss Mary (Gonzalez), Portuguese, twenty; Thomas W. Farrell, American, forty-four, and Miss Antonina Mattos, Portuguese, twenty-four; Edward Matheson, American, thirty-five, and Miss Isabel P. Kilo, Filipina, twenty-two. A license was also issued to a Japanese couple.

## A LIFE SAVER

It is safe to say that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known of over the civilized world for its speedy relief of cramps in the stomach, diarrhea and all intestinal pains. For sale by all Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

# TWO WOMEN OF GREAT NORTHERN PARTY MEET DEATH EN ROUTE TO VOLCANO

Auto Overturns, Killing Mrs. H. F. Rude, Mrs. Miles Bell and Chauffeur

HILO, February 24.—The visit of the Hill liner, the Great Northern, with two hundred tourists, was marred yesterday by a triple fatality, three persons meeting death, two of them women from the tourist party.

These were Mrs. H. F. Rude and Mrs. Miles Bell.

The third death was that of a Hawaiian chauffeur.

The women were in a party proceeding to Kilauea from Hilo by auto, the accident occurring near Glenwood.

The road was slippery and the machine skidded off the grade, overturning and killing the three instantly.

# CONGRESS DROPS WATERWAYS BILL

All Hope of Passing Rivers and Harbors Measure Has Been Abandoned

WASHINGTON, February 25.—All hope of being able to pass the Rivers and Harbors Bill in its present form has been abandoned, the difference that has developed regarding the measure being impossible of adjustment in the time remaining for the consideration of business this session.

Yesterday, the Democratic leaders in congress conceded that there was little hope for the passage of any legislation except the big supply measure, now before the senate, before the adjournment.

The senate considered for work upon the bill the appropriation bill yesterday, passing on that reading the Revenue Appropriation Bill, carrying a total of \$333,000,000.

Another measure that safely ran the gauntlet was the bill to regulate the sale of drugs in that section of Shanghai under American jurisdiction.

# JAPAN DEDICATES ITS WORLD'S FAIR BUILDING

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24.—Japan dedicated today its exhibit to the Panama-Pacific exposition, with elaborate ceremonies. Miss Josephine Moore, daughter of President C. G. Moore of the fair, presided at a luncheon liberating the waters of the fountain and lakes in the grounds around the Japanese building.

Admiral, official representative of the Emperor of Japan to the exposition, participated in the ceremonies in the gardens. The official ceremony was held in the festival hall, where Gen Yamawaki, Governor Johnson and President Moore made addresses. A parade was followed by Japanese athletes and fireworks.

# That Many Hindus Were Slain During Recent Meeting In Singapore

MANILA, February 24.—Four hundred Hindu mutineers were killed in the rebellion which has caused severe fighting in Singapore the last few days. One hundred more are hiding. The mutineers killed all their officers except the colonel, and slew several civilians, including a woman. Part of the regiment remained loyal and aided the volunteers in pursuing the rioters.

The day after the uprising French, Japanese and British marines arrived to quell the uprising.

It is now reported that the natives in Bangkok, Colombo and Java are becoming restless.

# Business Men and Property Owners of Mexico City Must Pay Huge Sum

WASHINGTON, February 25.—A war levy amounting to several millions of dollars has been imposed upon the business men and the property owners in the City of Mexico, according to dispatches that have reached here through official channels.

The imposition has been ordered by General Obregon, say the reports to the state department, and a time limit, with a threat for noncompliance, has been announced.

Under the decree, the various amounts arbitrarily fixed, are to be paid over to Obregon before six o'clock on Friday night. Those who fail to hand over the amounts assessed against them will be punished, either by imprisonment or the confiscation of their property.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—A convention between the United States and British Honduras, respecting the establishment of a two cent postage rate, was effected yesterday. The two cent rate will go into effect on March 1.

# Alleged German Atrocities In Belgium Branded False

J. H. Hackfeld, Writing From Bremen, Contradicts Statements Made By Woman

Writing to The Advertiser from Bremen, under date of January 20, J. F. Hackfeld of the firm of Hackfeld & Co., takes exception to statements made regarding German conduct of the war in Belgium by a woman, whose letter to a friend in Honolulu was published in this paper. The letter was reproduced in the Hawaiian Gazette, the weekly edition of The Advertiser, and it was through this medium that the communication came to the attention of Mr. Hackfeld. His letter is as follows:

Bremen, Twentieth January, 1915.

Editor of "Hawaiian Gazette" and "Pacific Commercial Advertiser," Honolulu.

Dear Sir:—

In the issue of the "Hawaiian Gazette," dated December 11th, 1914, you have published a letter addressed by a Belgian woman to a friend in Honolulu in regard to the European war, which contains many false accusations against the German army, that I cannot let the same pass without contradiction, more especially as you have seen fit to provide the letter with a number of very sensational headlines.

In the first instance the lady left Bruges, a city of about 65,000 inhabitants, situated not far from the Belgian coast, in the beginning of October, and has come in no contact with any German troops whatever. All her statements are therefore based on hearsay and reports from pain-stricken people or publications in Belgian Newspapers, which have shown an utter disregard for truth when dealing with the German army.

Statements Preposterous

Her statement, that "the Germans have plundered Belgium in a most awful way so that there are now no cities and even fewer villages that all have been plundered, that the inhabitants of Belgium have been massacred and women and children mutilated" is simply preposterous. War, of course, is a terrible thing and many non-combatants are bound to suffer from it, but the German troops are too well known for their discipline to be guilty of such conduct. It must be borne in mind, that the German troops have been attacked by Belgian inhabitants from ambush and in any other conceivable manner, as soon as they crossed the Belgian frontier; wounded German soldiers have been tortured and mutilated and other most atrocious cruelties have been perpetrated, not to speak of the awful treatment accorded to defenceless German women and children at Brussels and Antwerp before the beginning of the war. It can therefore cause no surprise if the German military authorities felt constrained to punish in a very severe manner all those Belgians, who failed to observe the rules of civilized warfare. Wherever the Belgian inhabitants behaved in a peaceable and proper manner, no harm was done to them, as confirmed by the American war-correspondent J. O. Donnel Bennett, and others.

Little Damage Done

Brussels, Bruges, Gent, and many other cities have practically remained intact, and Antwerp would have suffered little by the siege, if at the last moment the English commander had not prevented the civil authorities from surrendering, before the bombardment of the city was to commence, in order to get the city out of the hands of the English and Belgian troops, as was very little damage was done, however. Several other places have suffered during the course of the war by the bombardment of the Belgian and English troops as well as German artillery.

It is very unfortunate, that so many Belgian non-combatants had been supplied with arms, and that these had been instigated by the authorities to attack the German soldiers as soon as a favorable opportunity should offer themselves, and this point cannot be brought out strongly enough, that the Belgian authorities and newspapers spread the report all over the country (also confirmed by the Belgian lady in her letter above referred to) that all the people would be killed by the German soldiers, as this is largely responsible for the great panic shown by the population upon the approach of the German troops, causing the people to commit crimes against the German soldiers, or to flee from their houses in great distress, and to submit themselves unnecessarily to great sufferings. These hundreds of thousands of these poor deluded people have fled to Holland, France and England from Antwerp and other cities, and have now to be supported by charity.

In this connection I have to mention, that, according to the testimony given by French, Russian and Indian prisoners, and otherwise obtained, these soldiers had been informed before going into battle, that they would be executed if falling into the hands of the Germans, which may possibly have increased their fighting quality, but can hardly be conducive to human warfare.

The German authorities in Belgium are doing everything in their power to

# GERMANY 'FEIGNS' SCARCITY OF FOOD

Subterfuge Is Alleged To Keep America Supplying Belgium With Products

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERNE, Switzerland, February 25.—Word has reached here from Germany and published in the Swiss press, that the German order limiting the amount of wheat flour to be used in the preparation of war bread and making other restrictions on the distribution of food-stuff, is not due to any existing scarcity of supplies throughout Germany, but is a subterfuge to produce the impression of a scarcity in order that the United States may continue to supply the starving in Belgium with food and that the French will continue to send supplies into the portions of France held by Germany, in order that the population of that section may not suffer. A report from Geneva yesterday says that Swiss soldiers opened fire upon a German aeroplane, violating Swiss neutrality by flying over Bournevesin.

## VIENNA SEIZES GRAIN

VIENNA, February 24.—The government has taken the entire supply of 174,000 bushels of wheat and other grain products. It has decided to undertake the distribution of bread.

## FOOD CARGOES TO GERMANY WILL GO TO THE PEOPLE

LONDON, February 24.—The owner of the cargo of the American vessel, Wilhelmina arrived today from Berlin with a declaration signed by Ambassador Gerard and Foreign Minister von Jagow that the German government would not assume control of the cargoes of American vessels carrying food to Germany.

# FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STATUE IS UNVEILED

LONDON, February 25.—A statue of Florence Nightingale, who organized the first detachment of women nurses to accompany a British army into the field during the Crimean war, was unveiled here yesterday. This is the first instance of the statue of any woman, other than royalty, to be erected at the public expense and unveiled as a public function in this city.

# Winchester and Remington Accused of Supplying Great Britain With Cartridges

NEW YORK, February 25.—That the Winchester and the Remington Arms companies are shipping each week to England three million and a half cartridges is the allegation which has developed in the course of a civil suit brought here against an export merchant.

The allegation is made in the papers filed in the suit.

The representatives of the Winchester company have issued a statement denying the truth of their share in the allegation.

## AUSTRO-GERMANS HOLD 1,035,000 WAR PRISONERS

LONDON, February 25.—German newspaper estimates give the number of prisoners held by the Germans and Austrians now at one million and thirty-five thousand. Of these, three-fourths are held in Germany.

## STEAMER GOES ASHORE

AMSTERDAM, February 24.—The Holland-American steamer Noorderdyk has gone ashore off Rotterdam. Other vessels have gone to her rescue.

# LONDON SAYS GERMANY HAS PROVEN WEAK IN BLOCKADE

Net Results of First Week of 'Terror' To Shipping Have Been Five Steamers of Allies Sunk and a Total of Five Lives Lost

TWO AND PROBABLY THREE SUBMARINES PAY PENALTY

Admiralty States That Mercantile Embarrassment Is Nil As Compared To Blow Teuton Navy Receives By Sinking of Its Craft

LONDON, February 25.—At midnight last night the German submarine blockade of the British coast had been in effect a week, the net results of which, the press here claims, show the hollowiness of the German threat.

In the blockade, the damages inflicted by the Germans amount to the sinking of two Norwegian steamers, one French steamer and five British steamers, with the loss of five lives.

On the other side of the account is the known loss of two German submarines and the probable loss of a third, which a French destroyer hit on Tuesday night and which it is believed was sunk.

BLOCKADERS LOSERS

According to the calculations of the admiralty, the week has ended with the blockaders considerably the losers, inasmuch as the proportion of merchant losses, compared to the number of steamers available, is very much less than the proportion of submarines lost compared to the number remaining in active commission in the German navy.

Yesterday three British steamers were submerged, while the earlier loss of the British armed merchantman Clan MacNaughton is officially announced. Off Beachy Head, in the Channel, the steamer Harpalion, bound from London for Newport News, cargoes, was torpedoed and sunk. Three of her crew, all Chinamen, were killed when the torpedo exploded, the rest of the crew escaping in the small boats. A few miles away, off Rye, the steamer Oakby was sunk by a torpedo, the crew being rescued.

## CLAN MACNAUGHTON LOST

The Clan MacNaughton is put down as lost, having been last seen of February 3, laboring in a storm. Since wreckage believed to be from the naval auxiliary, has been found. The Clan MacNaughton carried a crew of 280 men, all of whom are believed to have been drowned.

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## GERMAN EAST AFRICAN COAST IS BLOCKADED

PARIS, February 25.—France and Great Britain yesterday served notice upon Doctor Schone, Governor of German East Africa, that a naval blockade of the German East African coast will go into effect on Sunday next.